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Local Brevities.

Do not miss reading The Astorian's want columns.

Patronize the pupils of the Adair school tonight at the school house.

J. H. Ritter, the hustling proprietor of the Hammond Eating House, was in Astoria yesterday.

R. Foster Stone, a temperance lecturer of national repute, will lecture in this city on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of this month.

Miss Grace Hunt, in the Mansell building, is prepared to give instruction in the new tapestry painting, the last in home decorating. It is more attractive than burnt work and requires no talent to learn.

The statement that Willie Cook threatened to kill himself after the fatal accident Thursday night was made by Coroner Pohl. H. F. Prael had made an effort to have the lad released from custody, saying he would take all the responsibility that Mr. Cook might assume if he were here.

Coroner Pohl explained that he had kept the lad under close watch because of Dr. Hall's statement that the boy threatened to take his own life.

A committee representing the Manufacturers' Association and the labor organizations of the city has under way arrangements for an entertainment to be held at Hanthorn hall on the night of March 31. The gathering is planned for the mutual interests of employers and employees and particularly for the advancement of home industries.

John Doe was arrested yesterday by Constable Uttinger for throwing sawdust into the Columbia river. The man works at William Kelly and his name was not learned by the authorities during the afternoon. The case will be tried today. The arrest of persons charged with this offense is the result of an effort on the part of the state fisheries department to put a stop to the practice.

The charges of incompetency preferred against the crew of the customs launch Patrol were investigated at the Astoria customs house yesterday afternoon by a special board made up of Special Treasury Agent E. P. Johnson, of Seattle; Captain Dunwoodie

and Chief Engineer Coyle, of the revenue cutter Perry. The board will forward its findings to the treasury department, and the result will be made public there.

The Epworth League will give one of the socials for which the society is famous at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gerding this evening, on Eleventh street, opposite the Presbyterian church. An excellent musical program will be rendered, games will be played and refreshments will be served.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. were charmingly entertained by Mrs. Fred Sherman yesterday afternoon at a St. Patrick's day tea. After a time spent in music and games, a dainty lunch was served. The tables were decorated in green and yellow and the favors were of the same appropriate colors.

John Salling, the man who was arrested by Sheriff Linville on suspicion of having been implicated in the robbery of the Clatskanie railroad office, is still in jail here. The matter has been reported to the authorities of Columbia county, who may take some action looking to arraignment of the man.

All the circuit court jurors on the special venire have been excused by Judge McBride for the term. C. M. Cutbirth and George Johnson have also been excused from further attendance. There are but two days more of the present term of court, and Judge McBride is due at Oregon City on Monday.

The case of Reid, Murdock & Co. vs. the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company will be commenced in the circuit court today. The plaintiffs are partners in a Chicago commission house and allege in their complaint that they lost a sum of money because of the failure of the Astoria company to fill an order for salmon. They bring suit to recover.

Circuit Judge McBride yesterday allowed the defendant's attorney until May 1 to file a bill of exceptions in the case of the state vs. Josiah Smith. Smith was sent to the penitentiary for 10 years because of his bogus damage suit against the city of Astoria, and it is the intention of his attorneys to secure hearing of the matter in the supreme court.

The pupils of the Adair school will hold a sale of fancy articles and serve coffee and cake in the old school building this evening. The proceeds of the sale will be used in the purchase of new books for the school library. The small fee of ten cents will pay for admittance and the refreshments will be free. The pupils think the sale should be generously patronized, in view of its very commendable object.

One of Prael & Cook's teams became frightened about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and ran down Commercial street at breakneck speed. The frightened horses kept on a comparatively even course and the wagon did not strike any of the other wagons along the thoroughfare. At Seventh street the horses turned south and were there stopped by a man who had climbed into the wagon. No damage was done.

A mass meeting of the gillnet fishermen of the Columbia river was held last evening at their Bond street hall. There was some discussion of matters pertaining to the interests of the union, but nothing of a definite nature developed during the course of the meeting, nor was the price of fish broached. Secretary Lornsen stated after the meeting that the most important decision of the meeting was to fix the date for another gathering, at which will be discussed the interests of the union fishermen. The second meeting will be held at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of April 2.

The Young Ladies Society of the Norwegian Evangelical church will give an entertainment in the basement of the church tomorrow evening to which the public is cordially invited to attend. There will be addresses, recitations, vocal and instrumental music and refreshments will be served. Following is the program in full: Address, Rev. O. M. Holden; song by the choir; declamation, J. Edoen; vocal duet, Misses Josie and Clara Brugsund; reading, Miss Holden; declamation, O. Grattig; reading, E. Hauke; instrumental music, A. Wald; vocal duet, Miss Halseth and Mrs. Indergaard; declamation, Miss Haltness; reading, Miss Halseth; song by the choir; selected reading, O. Valland.

For years past there has been an established theory that salmon hatched in far inland waters were of the early runs which come into the Columbia river, but some of the fish experts have departed from this idea. These persons cling to the belief that all salmon spawn at the same time, whether the

eggs are deposited near the ocean or far in the interior. They scout the theory that the early fish are hatched hundreds of miles from the sea, but they do not explain away the fact that the early runs of salmon have been depleted—a circumstance upon which the most generally shared theory is based. However, some of the most prominent of the fish experts are taking up with the new idea, which may have a very material bearing on propagation methods. A more definite and convincing announcement is to be made at a later date by one of the experts who has been impressed with the idea.

After having tried in vain for 14 hours to agree upon a verdict, the jury in the case of Charlotte Grimberg vs. the Columbia River Packers' Association yesterday filed into court and was discharged. The case had been given to the jury at 9 o'clock the previous evening, and at 11 yesterday morning Judge McBride dismissed the jurors. During consideration of the case the jurors confined themselves to the question as to whether or not the defendant corporation was liable for damages because of the death of Grimberg, who had fallen from the mizzen rigging and killed himself. The jury was about equally divided on this point, and no vote was taken on the amount to which the plaintiff might be entitled to. Failing to agree as to the liability of the association, the jury reported to the court. The case will doubtless be retried, although no steps toward retrial have yet been taken. At best, the case can not be heard until the next term of court.

Investigation into the death of Miss Hilda Willen, the Finnish girl who was accidentally shot through the heart by William, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook, was begun yesterday afternoon by Coroner Pohl and the following jurors: Maxwell Young, A. C. Fisher, P. A. Trullinger, Alfred A. Smith, Andrew Lake and John K. Wirt. The evidence adduced at the trial was practically the same as was stated in The Astorian yesterday morning and there was nothing to show that he had been actuated by malice in pointing the revolver at the maid. A large number of Finnish residents of the city were present, and some of them expressed the wish that a servant maid formerly employed at the Cook home be summoned to show the general attitude of the Cook lad to the girls who have worked at his home. The jury decided to summon this girl, who lives at Mayger, and she was notified to be present at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Coroner Pohl fixed the bonds of the lad at \$2000, and bail was at once furnished by Albert Dunbar and James F. Kearney. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cook are heart broken over the sad affair, and for a time yesterday it was feared Mrs. Cook would collapse. The jury will finish its investigation this afternoon.

Superintendent John McGuire, of the A. & C. and Contractor Charles G. Palmberg yesterday earned an honest dollar by carrying in Will Madison's wood. Laboring men are very scarce in Astoria, and when a load of wood was dumped in front of Madison's store yesterday the proprietor of the house was sorely perplexed for a means to get it in out of the wet. "Why don't you hire a man to take it in?" queried McGuire. "Yes, have it taken in; don't be so stingy," said Palmberg. "Well," said Madison, "just to show you fellows I'm right, I'll give you \$5 if you'll carry it in." Both McGuire and Palmberg needed the money and at once accepted the proposal. They started in with their overcoats on, but McGuire soon found it necessary to remove the topcoat. Some one got him a pair of overalls, which he used to pile the wood upon. While the two men worked at the wood pile a large crowd gathered and the principals were subjected to unmerciful gazing. Some one sent for a photographer and Frank Woodfield hastened to the scene. When McGuire saw him he picked up an ax and chased him away, but Woodfield returned and was made the target for blocks of wood thrown by the hard-working McGuire. The photographer had taken the precaution to provide an assistant with a camera and some excellent pictures were secured. Madison put up the money before the wood choppers started on their task, and when the wood was finally carried in the money was turned over to one of the two. Just who received the money is a question that will probably be settled in the courts. It is understood Palmberg claims McGuire gave him only \$1, on the ground that he (McGuire) acted as agent and was therefore entitled to the lion's share of the proceeds. McGuire is said to have also asserted that Palmberg did not work faithfully, having failed to remove his overcoat, while Palmberg says McGuire carried in mighty little wood, having spent most of his time chasing photo-

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